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C O N F I D E N T I A L BUCHAREST 1640

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E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN EMIGRATION POLICIES

REF: STATE 174097 AND 080268; BUCHAREST 3506, 3528, & 1063

1. ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT DOES NOT OFFICIALLY DENY RIGHT OF ITS CITIZENS TO EMIGRATE BUT DOES CONTROL THEIR OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO THROUGH THE ADMINISTRATION OF PASSPORT AND EXIT VISA ISSUANCE POLICIES. ROMANIAN CONSTITUTION MAKES NO REFERENCE TO RIGHT OF ROMANIAN CITIZENS TO TRAVEL AND EMIGRATE. LEGISLATION DIRECTLY RELATED TO FORMALITIES OF TRAVEL AND ISSUANCE OF PASSPORTS STATES THAT ALL CITIZENS HAVE THE RIGHT TO A PASSPORT. HOWEVER, THIS SAME LEGISLATION MAKES CLEAR THAT THE GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DETERMINE WHO IN FACT WILL BE ISSUED PASSPORTS AND EXIT VISAS.

2. DENIALS OF PASSPORTS AND EXIT VISAS ARE A DAILY OCCURRENCE.

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HOWEVER, MANY OF THOSE WHO PERSEVERE IN THEIR EFFORTS TO EMIGRATE SUCCEED IN DOING SO ALBEIT AFTER A LONG WAITING PERIOD. EMBASSY' S EXPERIENCE INDICATES THAT NO REASONS ARE NORMALLY GIVEN IN CASES OF DENIALS BUT APPLICANT' S BACKGROUND AND EDUCATION AS WELL AS FAMILY RELATIONSHIP ARE DETERMINING FACTORS IN OUTCOME OF CASE.

3. THERE ARE NO PUBLISHED FIGURES ON OVERALL EMIGRATION FROM ROMANIA. AN ESTIMATE, BASED ON INFORMATION GATHERED FROM WEST GERMAN AND ISRAELI EMBASSIES AS WELL AS OUR OWN RECORDS, WOULD PLACE THE NUMBER OF EMIGRANTS AT ABOUT 5,000 TO 7,000 PER YEAR. DURING FISCAL 1972 EMBASSY ISSUED 270 IMMIGRANT VISAS. SINCE JULY 1972, EMBASSY HAS ISSUED 278 IMMIGRANT VISAS.

4. INFORMATION ON VISA FEES CONTAINED IN BUCHAREST 3506 AND 3528 REMAINS VALID AND CURRENT.  
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